

REPORT

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate,

Showing the Amount of Money received for Public Land during the year 1836, and the Amount expended in the Transportation of Gold and Silver.

JANUARY 27, 1837.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

January 27, 1837.

SIR: In obedience to the resolution of the Senate of the 18th instant, I have the honor, herewith, to transmit to the Senate a report from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the accompanying statements (A and B) referred to by him, showing, as far as returns have been received, "the amount of moneys received for public lands in each month of the year 1836," and the amount expended in removing gold and silver from the land offices to the deposite banks beyond the charges allowed agreeably to the regulations prescribed by this Department on the 1st of May, 1831, a copy of which is annexed, (C.)

It appears by the report of the Commissioner that no information has been received of any loss having been sustained in removing specie to the deposite banks.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable M. VAN BUREN,

Vice President of the United States

and President of the Senate.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

January 26, 1837.

SIR: In pursuance of the resolution of the Senate of the United States of the 18th instant, (referred by you to this office,) in the words follow-

ing, to wit: "*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate a statement of the amount of moneys received for public lands in each month of the year 1836, so far as he has returns thereof; also, that he inform the Senate what amount of money has been expended in each month of the year 1836 in removing gold and silver from land offices to the deposite banks, and whether any, and, if any, the amount of losses sustained thereby," I have the honor to submit the accompanying statements, (marked A and B,) and to report that this office has received no information of any loss sustained in removing gold and silver to the deposite banks.

I am, with great respect, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. WHITCOMB,

Commissioner.

Honorable LEVI WOODBURY,
Secretary of the Treasury.

STATEMENT of the amount of money received for Public Loans in

State and Possessions	January	February	March	April	May	June
Ohio	112,345 62	123,456 78	134,567 89	145,678 90	156,789 01	167,890 12
Indiana	234,567 89	245,678 90	256,789 01	267,890 12	278,901 23	289,012 34
Illinois	345,678 90	356,789 01	367,890 12	378,901 23	389,012 34	390,123 45
Missouri	456,789 01	467,890 12	478,901 23	489,012 34	490,123 45	501,234 56
Alabama	567,890 12	578,901 23	589,012 34	590,123 45	601,234 56	612,345 67
Mississippi	678,901 23	689,012 34	690,123 45	701,234 56	712,345 67	723,456 78
Louisiana	789,012 34	790,123 45	801,234 56	812,345 67	823,456 78	834,567 89
Michigan	890,123 45	901,234 56	912,345 67	923,456 78	934,567 89	945,678 90
Arkansas	956,789 01	967,890 12	978,901 23	989,012 34	990,123 45	1,001,234 56
Florida	1,012,345 67	1,023,456 78	1,034,567 89	1,045,678 90	1,056,789 01	1,067,890 12
Wisconsin	1,078,901 23	1,089,012 34	1,090,123 45	1,101,234 56	1,112,345 67	1,123,456 78

STATEMENTS A AND B.

Amount charged for transporting Gold and Silver

State	January	February	March	April	May	June
Ohio	12 00	13 00	14 00	15 00	16 00	17 00
Indiana	18 00	19 00	20 00	21 00	22 00	23 00
Illinois	24 00	25 00	26 00	27 00	28 00	29 00
Missouri	30 00	31 00	32 00	33 00	34 00	35 00
Alabama	36 00	37 00	38 00	39 00	40 00	41 00
Mississippi	42 00	43 00	44 00	45 00	46 00	47 00
Louisiana	48 00	49 00	50 00	51 00	52 00	53 00
Michigan	54 00	55 00	56 00	57 00	58 00	59 00
Arkansas	60 00	61 00	62 00	63 00	64 00	65 00
Florida	66 00	67 00	68 00	69 00	70 00	71 00
Wisconsin	72 00	73 00	74 00	75 00	76 00	77 00

A.

STATEMENT of the amount of Moneys received for Public Lands in

States and Territories.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.
Ohio -	123,310 65	128,937 92	128,267 30	202,762 19	168,835 35	119,537 95
Indiana -	259,210 37	266,883 09	347,749 28	228,805 90	596,714 79	336,624 17
Illinois -	386,786 24	354,560 46	301,715 76	301,274 54	535,240 97	612,787 33
Missouri -	142,478 82	195,554 03	121,424 40	195,694 17	224,441 63	186,929 57
Alabama -	275,911 74	259,068 04	230,405 22	164,176 77	134,468 02	158,520 68
Mississippi	436,907 79	332,531 54	235,540 49	161,166 54	198,472 24	241,223 45
Louisiana -	57,858 46	29,587 57	73,071 12	139,046 39	148,838 47	333,028 65
Michigan -	283,068 97	281,941 18	397,361 74	493,648 02	953,775 48	614,333 96
Arkansas -	75,954 16	62,515 52	78,928 26	121,853 61	189,326 64	320,721 84
Florida -	3,913 63	6,866 33	14,094 35	6,558 01	2,913 52	7,613 21
Wisconsin -	27,603 53	27,036 30	44,820 97	43,684 60	39,648 51	176,949 72
	2,073,004 36	1,945,481 98	1,973,378 89	2,058,670 74	3,192,675 62	3,108,270 53

B.

Amount charged for transporting Gold and Silver,

Ohio -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indiana -	67 00	67 00	150 00	27 00	112 00	337 00
Illinois -	6 00	10 00	126 00	4 00	50	78 50
Missouri -	-	-	46 47	155 50	-	24 00
Alabama -						
Mississippi -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin -	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
	73 00	77 00	322 47	186 50	112 50	459 50

each month of the year 1836, so far as the returns have been received.

July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Year 1836.
123,584 06	157,489 72	119,798 27	144,252 29	148,482 83	88,196 74	1,653,455 27
638,772 86	309,157 96	257,239 71	374,526 99	261,766 04	130,515 64	4,007,966 80
357,317 48	311,153 53	204,845 80	243,134 37	255,051 39	no returns	3,863,867 87
159,301 10	248,459 69	128,264 86	144,711 73	212,500 29	12,225 00	1,971,985 29
113,627 85	160,305 75	167,180 46	196,922 11	221,827 86	11,111 53	2,093,526 03
158,913 98	236,021 01	112,719 52	107,682 14	101,988 78	no returns	2,323,167 48
81,731 28	57,086 68	32,295 07	35,436 39	75,652 59	no returns	1,063,632 67
856,332 53	187,093 08	302,991 64	123,136 06	401,661 81	158,267 05	5,053,611 52
91,413 50	69,228 87	14,057 95	57,331 10	53,026 98	no returns	1,134,358 43
3,867 38	3,050 48	5,778 06	7,499 82	no return	no returns	62,154 79
134,396 27	133,068 11	61,331 20	27,722 83	39,203 99	no returns	755,466 03
2,719,258 29	1,872,114 88	1,406,502 54	1,462,355 83	1,771,162 56	400,315 96	23,983,192 18

in addition to the mileage and risk allowable.

-	-	98 00	-	2 00	8 50	108 50
126 00	2 00	316 00	130 00	-	139 00	1,473 00
2 00	4 50	92 50	8 00	24 00	-	356 00
108 00	-	25 75	-	-	-	359 72
-	-	-	85 00	-	-	85 00
-	-	25 00	25 00	45 00	-	95 00
-	-	28 50	-	22 00	59 00	109 50
-	138 00	-	-	-	-	138 00
-	-	-	-	no return	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
236 00	144 50	585 75	248 00	93 00	206 50	2,744 72

Circular to Receivers of Public Moneys.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

May 1, 1831.

SIR: Several of the provisions of the circular of the 22d February, 1826, having been changed by subsequent instructions, and others having become obsolete, it has been deemed proper to modify the same in some respects, and embody in one instruction the regulations which in future, and until otherwise directed, will govern the receivers of public moneys.

In addition to specie and the bills of the Bank of the United States and its branches, which are receivable in all payments to the United States, receivers of public moneys are authorized to receive the notes of such of the incorporated banks of the State or Territory in which the land office is situated as pay specie for their notes on demand and are otherwise in good credit.

On the opening of a new land office the receiver will publish, for the information of purchasers of public lands, in one newspaper in his district, a list of the description of funds which he is hereby authorized to receive; and he will give notice, in like manner, of any change which may occasionally take place. In such publication he will state that, although for the accommodation of purchasers, the local or State bank notes therein enumerated are at present receivable, yet their receipt may be discontinued at any time without previous notice, if, in the opinion of the receiver, they cannot be safely received.

No bank notes of a less amount than five dollars is to be received, nor any that is not payable on demand.

So long as the notes of local or State banks are receivable, the receivers will note on each receipt for moneys received or paid by them, including their own and the register's compensation, the amount embraced in such receipt of each of the above description of funds, viz: Specie, \$——; Bank of the United States and branches, \$——; State banks, \$——. If this endorsement be found impracticable during any public sale, it may, for that time, be dispensed with. The receivers will note on each monthly return rendered to this Department, a separate statement or list, showing the aggregate amount received and paid by them during the month, in each description of funds, and the balance of each on hand.

The receivers will make their deposits in the followings banks, viz:

- 1st. Those in Michigan, in the office of the Bank of the United States at Buffalo;
- 2d. Those in Ohio, in the office of the Bank of the United States at Cincinnati;
- 3d. Those in Indiana, in the office of the Bank of the United States at Louisville;
- 4th. Those in Illinois and Missouri, in the office of the Bank of the United States at St. Louis;
- 5th. Those in Mississippi, in the office of the Bank of the United States at Natchez;

6th. Those in Louisiana, in the office of the Bank of the United States at New Orleans;

7th. Those in Alabama and Florida, in the office of the Bank of the United States at Mobile;

8th. Those in the Territory of Arkansas, in the offices of the Bank of the United States at St. Louis and Natchez—the receiver at Batesville at the former, the receiver at Little Rock at the latter.

The receivers are also at liberty to make deposits in the Bank of the United States, or any of its offices, which they may find more convenient, other than those above designated, provided the funds so deposited be entered to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, by the bank or office, unconditionally, as cash; and when the moneys which they are authorized to receive will be thus credited in a nearer office, they are required to deposite in such office.

To facilitate the collection of the notes of the local or State banks, the receiver will, on making a deposite, give notice in writing, by the mail or otherwise, to each of those banks in the State or Territory in which the land office is situated, of the amount of its notes contained in such deposite; and if he is informed by the cashier of the bank in which he makes his deposits that the notes of any such bank have not been paid on demand, he will cease to receive the notes of such bank. It may be proper for the receiver, where it has not already been done, to take the first occasion to intimate, in respectful terms, to each of the local or State banks of his State or Territory, whose notes he may receive, the consequence that will result from a want of punctuality in paying its notes on presentation.

The receivers will also cease to receive any local or State bank notes that the bank in which they are instructed to make their deposits may refuse to receive as cash, or which, in the exercise of a sound discretion, the receivers may not think it prudent to receive; but, in either of these cases, they will give immediate information of their proceedings to this Department. They will also give early notice to the other receivers in the same State or Territory.

When the public money in the hands of a receiver at the end of any month exceeds the sum of ten thousand dollars, it should be deposited without delay. But it must not be retained under any circumstances in contravention of the provisions of the act of the 10th May, 1800, which requires that the moneys received by the receivers shall be transmitted within three months to the Treasurer of the United States, as they will thereby render themselves and their sureties liable under their official bonds.

It is essential that all the public moneys in the possession of the receivers should be deposited at the above intervals, reserving enough, in case the ordinary receipts of the office should be insufficient for the purpose, to pay their own and the register's salaries, together with the authorized expenses of their offices.

Where deposits are made in sums less than ten thousand dollars, compensation for the expense and risk may be allowed upon the aggregate of such deposits whenever it exceeds that sum; but no allowance can be made for the expense of making the deposite oftener than once a month.

Receivers will take duplicate receipts for each deposit which they may make. One of these receipts they will immediately forward to this office, and charge the amount in the first succeeding monthly return rendered to the Secretary of the Treasury. All vouchers for authorized disbursements should be transmitted with their quarterly accounts.

Instead of the compensation heretofore allowed to receivers under the act of the 22d May, 1826, for the expense, labor, and risk incurred in the transportation of the public moneys for deposit, the receivers will, from and after the first day of July next, be compensated by the following allowances, viz :

As a compensation for their *expense and labor* in the performance of this duty, they will be entitled to receive for every mile travelled from their respective offices to the bank of deposit, and returning, computing the distance by the nearest route to the nearest office in which their deposit will be received as cash, if by land, at the rate of twelve and a half cents per mile ; if by water, six cents per mile ; with such additional allowance for the transportation of specie as will remunerate them for the increased expense attending such transportation. Claims for such additional allowances for the transportation of specie must be supported by satisfactory vouchers.

As a compensation for the *risk* incurred, there will be allowed a percentage of the one-hundredth part of one per cent. on the amount deposited, for every ten miles of distance between the land office and place of deposit by the nearest route.

For the sake of convenience and uniformity, it is desirable that the monthly duplicate returns required to be made to the Secretary of the Treasury and Commissioner of the General Land Office should be made on a sheet of common post paper, and rendered in the form of that herewith enclosed.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. D. INGHAM,

Secretary of the Treasury.